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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE COUNTERMEASURES COMMITTEE
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

4 April 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT : Second Secret Service Letter, dated
26 March 1968, insisting on membership
on the TSCC

1. Attached for your signature is a suggested reply to Mr. Rowley's second letter insisting on membership on the TSCC. Since the Secret Service is not an element of the intelligence community, it does not appear to have a rightful place as a member of a USIB committee and the first paragraph of the reply politely points this out.

2. Insofar as the White House security program is concerned, the member of the White House staff responsible for the program was designated by Mr. Marvin Watson to attend TSCC meetings as an observer, although most of what is discussed is of an intelligence nature and much of it has little bearing on his security program. As one of several supporters of the White House security program, the Secret Service has a legitimate interest in many working level aspects of the TSCC subcommittees, and their representative also nominated by Mr. Watson attends all subcommittee meetings as an observer. I am convinced that:

(a) The Secret Service is now aware of and promptly obtains the benefit of any TSCC committee or subcommittee action or product.

(b) That no additional benefit will accrue to either the Secret Service or White House security program through dual observership at TSCC meetings.

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(c) That Rowley's letters reflect a small internal power play as well as, perhaps, some internecine warfare within the White House.

(d) Dual observership will unnecessarily enlarge the TSCC and set a precedent for others (e.g. NASA, the Department of Transportation, DIA and CIA have pressed for similar treatment).

25X1 3. I discussed this situation with both Mr. Howard Osborn and [] to see if a turndown would adversely affect other Agency relationships with the Secret Service. I was assured that this was not the case and both agreed the Secret Service should not be on the TSCC.

4. Since there may be some overriding political situations of which I am not aware, I am (very reluctantly!) attaching an alternate reply for your consideration should you not wish to reject Mr. Rowley's request.

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Chairman

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